Minutes of the NS Division ES&H Committee

December 13, 2005

Kevin Lesko is leaving his position as Chairperson after three years

- There have been many improvements in those three years

Larry Phair will be taking over as the new Chairperson, and Kevin will be leaving the NSD ES&H Committee

Pat Thomas will be taking over for Kathie Hardy

New Regulations and Codes:

- Revised electrical codes have already been discussed
- Self Assessment regulations were handed out; this is the final set for this year
- More emphasis on communication is needed
- More emphasis on Ergo Injury Prevention is needed
- More emphasis on Safety Inspections is needed

New Emergency Response Guides were handed out

- These are to be posted in all common areas

ES&H Committee Meeting Schedule:

- Discussion of whether the meeting should be held monthly or quarterly
- Maybe more effective to meet monthly since a number of deadlines will be coming up soon
- Most Divisions meet monthly

Action Item: Set-up first meeting then decide what's necessary for regular meeting

Revised AHD 168 for Class 3B and Class 4 Laser Users (handout):

- More scrutiny on laser use
- Laser located 70-120
- Interlocks look good

Action Item #1: Committee will go over AHD and get back to Kathie Hardy with questions/comments

Action Item #2: Committee will request that Larry McLouth look at this laser setup and AHD

Self Assessment Grading (Red, yellow, green):

- One "RED" item: SAA kept for over a year
- One "YELLOW" item: LCATS deadline not met
- All other categories were "GREEN"

After Hours Work:

- No students should be alone during Lab work
- No workers at all should be alone during "high-risk" activities
- Short discussion of after hours procedures for 88"

Student Meeting:

- Very good turnout
- Steve Chu was in attendance and spoke to the students
- Some subjects that were covered were computer behavior and property responsibilities

Electrical Walkthroughs:

- Only labs were reviewed, not caves
- Some electrical cabinets were blocked
- Most issues have already been addressed and corrected
- NOTHING can be strung over conduits and light fixtures
- Temporary wiring is also prohibited
- To Be Done: Checking outlets
- Course for Supervisors is being set-up by EH&S
- All permanent staff (supervisors) must attend these courses

Crane Hoists and Operations:

- Is the 88" comfortable with the crane operators and procedures?
- Satisfied for the most part, but some minor issues need to be addressed

Accident Rates:

- Accident rates are up all across LBNL and we are still early in the fiscal year
- There must be a better effort to understand these numbers
- Reporting procedures are different

Next Meeting: Thursday, 01/12/2006, 88 Conference Room, 10AM Action Item: Set Further schedule at this meeting Send agenda items to Larry Phair